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This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed October 6, 2004 (certificate of mailing Monday, October 4, 2004).

The above-identified application was filed on December 31, 2003, with an unexecuted declaration. Accordingly, on August 3, 2004, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for its late filing.

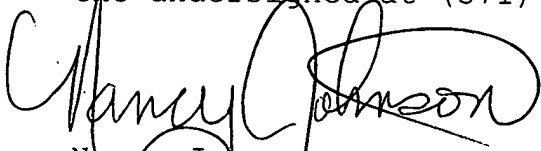
By statement of facts of patent attorney John Kim, and supporting documentary evidence, rule 47 applicants have shown that inventor Fedorov has, by his conduct, refused to join in the application. The petition includes the last known address of non-signing inventor Fedorov.

This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in new Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application will be examined in Technology Center 3637 in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" and last name "Johnson" clearly distinguishable.

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